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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my support for the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice last November. I am glad to see that this case is finally coming to a close.

Microsoft has agreed to grant its competitors new rights that will allow computer makers to configure the Windows operating system so that non-Microsoft software can be promoted within Windows. The company has also stated that it will not retaliate against any hardware or software developer that develops products that compete with Windows. Microsoft has even agreed to let a three person technical committee oversee its business operations to ensure that the company complies with all terms of the current settlement. These tenets all combine to guarantee a fair and workable settlement that will address the concerns of all involved parties.

I support the settlement between Microsoft and the United States Department of Justice. It is a reasonable solution to a legal battle that has been draining resources for too long.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph Rosenthal 1/3/02